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Applicant: Robert F. Friedman

Serial No: not yet assigned Group Art Unit: not yet assigned

Filed: October 26, 2001 Examiner: not yet assigned

Title: SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR COMBINING MULTIPLE SATELLITE
CHANNELS INTO A VIRTUAL COMPOSITE CHANNEL

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination of the patent application enclosed herewith, Applicant requests that the Examiner make the following changes to the Application.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Page 1, line 5, after the word "is", insert --a continuation of Application No. 09/438,865 filed Nov. 12, 1999, which is--.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 5 – 8. 13 – 17, 24 – 33, and 35 - 36.

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REMARKS

This is a continuation of the U.S. Patent Application No. 09/438,865 filed Nov. 12, 1999, which is a continuation-in-part of the U.S. Patent Application No. 09/243,910 filed Feb. 3, 1999, and claims priority to Provisional Application No. 60/142,179 filed July 1, 1999..


Claims 1 – 4, 9 – 12, 18 – 23, and 34 are currently pending following this preliminary amendment.

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Respectfully submitted,

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